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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

April, 1999

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FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

RNA is sponsoring a two drives for food and clothing. We are looking for canned and non-perishable food items which will be donated to **St. Lucy's Shelter** on Grove and 15th Streets. Donated items can be brought to both the April and May meetings. **Maria Tuzzo** can be contacted at **659-2245** to arrange for a drop-off.

RNA is also sponsoring a drive for baby clothing up to 24 months, diapers and toiletry items such as powder and baby oil. New items only. All donations will be given to the **Hudson Cradle**, a shelter for housing babies whose parents cannot take care of them. Bring donations to both the April and May meetings or contact **Valerie Rea** at **653-6916** for a drop-off.

1999 RNA OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected to be RNA's executive officers at the March 9th meeting:

Chair: **VITO BRUNETTI**
Vice Chair: **KEVIN MAHONY**
Treasurer: **BETH D'ERRICO**
Secretary: **MARIS TUZZO**
Sgt. at Arms: **LEN DAVIS.**

RNA would like to acknowledge the outgoing officers. As Secretary, **Alison Ferrari-Fontana** was diligent and kept copious minutes of all our meetings. Simultaneously, she also worked as our first attendant in Riverview-Fisk Park. Although not continuing in either of these two assignments, she is presently organizing the Park's community garden for the coming season. As Teasurer, **Carol Rebelowski** successfully reorganized and computerized our bookkeeping and bank accounts. Always eager to participate, **Gary Kenny** helped organize the Free Movies in the Park program last summer. These individuals were effective and dedicated officers, unselfishly involved in all aspects of RNA. Thank you all for your community service. See you at the next meeting.

PARKING DIRECTOR AS GUEST SPEAKER

Carmine Venezia, Director of the J.C. Parking Authority, will be the quest speaker at our April 13th meeting. Issues to be discussed include: illegal parking on Palisade Avenue and residential streets, commercial vehicles, jitney buses, bus courtesy, permit parking and metered parking for Palisade Avenue.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1999

RNA will be sponsoring its Annual Spring "Clean-up" on Staurday, May 1st. So check your calendar and set aside a few hours to join us. This semi-annual event affirms our commitment to our neighborhood.

The day's activities are expected to begin at 8:00 AM and will initially focus on the cleaning of our two parks: Janet Moore at the corner of Cuneo Place and Ogden Avenue and Riverview-Fisk Park bound by Palisade and Ogden Avenues between Girffith and Bower Streets. In addition to cleaning these areas, we will also devote some attention to making some additions to their current landscaping.

We intend to replace the missing Weeping Cherry tree in Riverview's center gardens and add some foundation shrubs at the Park's north end near the children's playground. In Janet Moore Park, we hope to replace the missing boxwood shrubs along the perimeter and make some much-needed additions to the interior landscaping. We are open to other ideas and hope to have suitable projects that can be completed by the group in the morning.

In addition to the two Parks, RNA is also planning a third project for Palisade Avenue, which will entail a "broom-sweep" of the Avenue itself. The idea behind this annual effort is to instill a sense of civic pride for the place we live. We are also open to ideas for incorporating an education "piece" into this project. Once again, RNA is open to your ideas to improve the quality of life in our community.

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SPRINGTIME PARK FAIR & FLEA MARKET

The 15th Annual RNA Park Fair and Flea Market will take place on **Saturday, June 5th** between the hours of **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** in **Riverview-Fisk Park**. (The raindate is the following Saturday, June 12th). This eagerly anticipated rite of spring in our neighborhood will be here before you know it. The Activities Committee is planning to expand the scope of our traditional day in the Park. This year we hope to add crafters to our usual vendors and also different types of food vendors. We are also planning to have music and hopefuly entertainment for the youngsters. This year RNA will also

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[The Vendor's Contract and more information on this event is available on page 2.)

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL RNA PARK FAIR/FLEA MARKET
VENDOR CONTRACT

SPONSOR: RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1999
(RAINDATE: JUNE 12, 1999

LOCATION: RIVERVIEW – FISK PARK
Ogden & Palisade Avenues, between Griffith & Bowers Streets,
JERSEY CITY HEIGHTS

TIME: 9:00 am – 4:00 PM (Dealers may arrive anytime after 7:00 AM)

RATE: **$20.00 PER SPACE** when paid in advance
$25.00 PER SPACE if paid on day of event
(MEMBERS: $15.00 AND $20.00 per space accordingly)

RULES:

1) Vendors must supply their own tables and chairs.
2) Position of spaces on day of event will be on a first come, first serve basis.
3) Food can only be sold by authorized food vendors. No vendor will sell anything obscene or illegal. (See registration form below.)
4) **Vendors must clean-up their spaces at the end of the day. Vendors cannot leave unsold or leftover items in the Park.**
5) Vendors will be allowed to unload and load their vehicles at the site, but **auto access to Ogden Avenue will cease at 9:00 AM**.
6) These rules will be strictly enforced by RNA on the day of the event.
7) Reservations must be postmarked no later than May 29, 1999.

ADVERTISING: RNA will advertise in the Jersey Journal, the Jersey Reporter and by posters and flyers.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL: **MARIA TUZZO (201) 659-2245.**

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL PARK FAIR
REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1999
TIME: 9 AM TO 4 PM
PLACE: RIVERVIEW – FISK PARK
(RAINDATE: JUNE 12, 1999)

PLEASE RESERVE: _____
(Circle one)

SPACES $20.00 Non-members per space
SPACES $15.00 Members per space

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone No.:_____

By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Make checks payable to **RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.** Cut out this application and send to: **MARIA TUZZO, 170 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307**

SPRING CLEAN-UP (continued from page 1)

As with previous clean-up weekends, RNA has arranged for the use of two dumpsters for the disposal of large household debris. These two dumpsters, supplied by the Jersey City Incinerator Authority (JCIA), will be placed at the north end of our community on Hobson Street and on the southern end at Griffith Street: both located between Palisade and Ogden. You are reminded to limit your use of the dumpsters to household items only. As once the dumpsters are filled, that's it till fall!

In planning this event, RNA intends to have tee-shirts printed to commemorate the project and promote our goals. Therefore, we hope you will be available to participate in these activities and you will alert your friends and neighbors. If you would like to volunteer or lead a specific activity, please let us know. Our neighbor and new Vice-chair, **Kevin Mahony** will be coordinating the day's event for RNA. Please call Kevin at **798-4676** and sign-up.

We will also be planning a simple barbecue for all of the volunteers after we have finished our work. This clean-up event has also been coordinated with the scheduling of a bicycle **"Air-Show"** sponsored by **SDS Bikes** starting at 12:00 Noon in Riverview-Fisk Park on Ogden Avenue. So show your pride in our neighborhood by joining us to CLEAN-UP on MAY 1st. Then afterwards enjoy some fun entertainment in your Park. See You There!

DUMPSTER WEEKEND

The JCIA will place two dumpsters on **Griffith** and **Hobson Streets** between **Palisade and Ogden Avenues** from **Friday, April 30th to Monday, May 3rd**. They are free to all residents. Kindly follow the following dumpster rules:

a) **only residential garbage,**
b) **NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL,**
c) **pack dumpster to maximize space,**
d) **do not overfill dumpster** , and
e) **do not leave garbage outside of dumpster.**

The JCIA has requested that all residents report the placing of any construction material in the dumpsters by calling their office at **432-4645** and reporting either the culprit's license plate or address.

HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN

If you are unable to volunteer to participate in our spring clean-up, there are several everyday things anyone can contribute to this effort. One way is by keeping your own sidewalk and street curb clean of paper and debris. It would also be a help - not to mention a nice gesture - to keep your neighbors' sidewalk clean.

Another suggestion is to keep your household garbage properly contained within your property. Remember garbage should only be set out after 7:00 pm the night before the scheduled pick-up days of Monday and Thursday.

RNA also recommends for anyone using our two local Parks to pick-up any debris that you encounter on the sidewalk or lawns. Just think, if everybody put just one piece of paper or one bottle in the Park receptacles - what a difference it would make.

Remember it is the law to clean-up after your dog by picking-up their litter with a plastic bag. That simple chore alone would make the Park a safer and healthier place for our children and pets to play in. RNA is planning to post dog litter signs throughout Riverview-Fisk Park to remind residents of this responsibility. (Dogs are not allowed in Janet Moore Park.)

It would go a long way if everyone - and I mean everyone - contributed to the cleaning-up of their community. Help beautify Jersey City!

RNA PARK FAIR (continued from page 1)

start the day with a "fun run" for the local neighborhood runners, joggers and speed walkers along Ogden.

In order to make this all happen successfully, RNA needs you! We need volunteers to organize the details before the event and then more importantly to help out during the day itself with such activities as: setting-up and breaking-down, working the RNA tables and cleaning up during and after the event. If you can give any time on June 5th - even one hour - we hope you will sign up now.

In addition, we are looking for bakers to make homemade cakes, pies, brownies or cupcakes for the RNA Coffee Table. If you have an unusable item that you no longer want - that is in decent shape and in working order - consider donating it to the RNA Donations Table. We also accept used clothing in good condition.

This year we are going to work with the Harbor **View Health Care Facility** to bring some of their residents to the Park to enjoy the day's festivities. Therefore we are looking for individuals interested in accompanying some of our senior citizens for a few hours.

People interested in volunteering for any of the above activities, should sign up by coming to the April 13th meeting or calling **Maria Tuzzo** at **659-2245**. Remember, the day can only be a success if we work together for the betterment of our neighborhood.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARK ATTENDANT

RNA would like to introduce **Marshall Williams** who has recently been hired as the new park attendant for Riverview-Fisk Park. Marshall, a resident of Ogden Avenue is a dramaturg, who writes and does research for the theater. He is also an avid amateur gardener.

He looks forward to helping develop the community gardens at Riverview-Fisk Park, as well as building community interest in using the Park as a neighborhood resource. Though he is not a policeman or animal control officer, his presence is intended to promote healthy and happy uses of this wonderful green open space.

Marshall will be working 19 hours a week, and you can expect to see him in the Park almost every day, and especially on weekends once the weather is nice.

Marshall is also interested in the history of Riverview-Fisk Park and would like to hear from anyone who has photographs or stories about the Park. Marshall has lived in New York, Vermont, New Haven and Maryland; his wife Carol Hollander, is a book editor and dancer, and they have two cats, Cobweb and Peaches. [Louie Ramos is the popular park attendant in Janet Moore Park.]

ATTENTION: LOCAL GARDENERS

All people interested in reserving a plot in the community garden or volunteering to cultivate annual and perennial plantings in the three flower gardens in Riverview-Fisk Park, should come to the April 13th meeting and sign up now.

At this same meeting, RNA will discuss organizing a new community garden for Janet Moore Park (located at the corner of Ogden and Cuneo) this spring. Anyone interested in helping initiate this project, should come to this meeting to discuss it.

NEW MONTHLY MEETING RULES

On March 14th, a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming RNA executives discussed different ways to improve our monthly meetings to make them more productive and "member friendly." One of the most repeated concerns was that the meetings should start and end earlier in the evening. The following suggestions will be implemented at the April 13th meeting:

7:00 PM: The doors will open and the officers will be available to take care of housekeeping matters, such as signing up new members and payment of dues. Refreshments will be made available at this time. The 50/50 raffle will also be sold to avoid later disruption of the meeting. This is a good time for members of the individual committees to meet and decide on any announcements to be made or votes to be taken by the general membership.

7:30 PM: The meeting will officially be called to order and RNA Officers will be introduced. The evening's agenda will be announced. Generally that will start with the NTF Police report. Periodically, that will then be followed by a NID update. Individuals with specific complaints can then discuss them privately with the police or the NID managers in the adjoining sunroom.

Our monthly guest speaker will then be introduced. RNA will try to limit it to one guest a month. Each of the above items on the agenda will be limited to approximately 20 minutes.

Then we will conduct regular business, including committee reports, new issues and voting matters. There will be no breaks during the meeting but refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

9:30 PM: The meeting will officially close but individuals or committees can meet till 10:00 PM in the building.

RNA encourages all members to cooperate in working within this new time plan. At the end of the April meeting, we will ask for feedback about this abbreviated schedule and adjust it accordingly.

MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 9, 1999

COMMUNITY POLICING: **NTF Officers Lorenzo Tosado** and **Nelson Rivera** discussed the following topics:

a) The woman who was mugged in broad daylight on the corner of Ogden And Franklin during the previous month was reported in good condition and the police are still investigating the incident;

b) There was an attempted break-in on the dirt path Mountain Road behind Ogden Avenue (A suggestion was made to organize a meeting of the owners of lots adjacent to this path to discuss security measures including installation of a fence and cutting trees and shrubbery.);

c) A resident complained of noise in an open lot on the east side of Palisade Avenue between Bower and South Streets. Late night revelers loiter in this parking lot because it appears that the business owner neglects to close the gate after work hours;

d) A resident observed the sale of liquor to minors on several occasions from Lee's liquor store on Congress Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There was a discussion about the reopening of the **community garden** in Riverview-Fisk Park. RNA is arranging with the City for the installation of a six (6) foot tubular steel fence around the garden replacing the existing cyclone fence.

RNA had a meeting with **NID Director Maureen Corrado** to discuss the coming year and the need for better coverage in our community. A request was made to place a park ranger in both of our local Parks this summer. RNA will invite the two local NID managers to the April meeting to address quality of life issues. It was recommended that anyone with a problem should contact their NID representatives directly by telephone (NID numbers are printed in our Bulletin Board) or visit the NID office at 325 Palisade Avenue at Ferry Street.

FILM SHOOT: **Production Manager Jimmy Price** announced that his company, 44th Street Films will be shooting an independent film on Ogden Avenue and Cuneo Place. The film which revolves around the life of a single mother employed as a meter maid, has a working title of "Double Parked." The local production is tentatively scheduled for April 27 to May 1st.

Mr. Price came to our meeting to discuss minimizing any disruption of resident street parking during the shoot because of the use of four production trucks and approximately five to ten cars. A suggestion was made to arrange for parking in the two large lots on Woods Place. Mr. Price stated that his company would make a financial contribution to our neighborhood. For additional information, contact Mr. Price at (212) 695-8382. [A week later, Mr. Price confirmed that arrangements had been made for local residents displaced during the shooting to park in the 25 spaces in the Supremo Supermarket parking lot.]

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Kevin Mahony volunteered to coordinate this activity again. The clean-up, which will take place on Saturday, May 1st, will concentrate on our two local Parks and Palisade Avenue. This will be coordinated with the reservation of two dumpsters for neighborhood garbage.

A suggestion was made to enlist the help and support of the Palisade Avenue merchants by asking them to advertise the clean-up in their store windows and clean up in front of their own businesses. [For more information on this special event, see the article on the first page of this newsletter.]

COMMITTEES: There were update reports from the following committees: Planning/Development, Traffic & Transportation, Parks, Public Safety and Special Activities.

Alison Ferrari-Fontana, Secretary

COMMUNITYUPDATE:

NID: A new NID manager has been appointed for the North-6 area which includes Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Griffith Street. Mr. **Yavalier Rodriquez** will replace Ronald Clemente. One of the reasons for this action was the need for a manager who was bilingual in order to effectively communicate with our many spanish-speaking residents. RNA thanks Mr. Clemente for his dedicated service to our community and wishes him well in his new NID post on the western slope of the Heights. Yavalier can be reached by calling his voice mail at **547-4974** and leaving a message on extension **8015**.

Holland Street Renovation: The Planning and Development Committee met on March 13th to review the outside consultant's revised plans for the renovation of of this cliff road. After a review of the history of this project, we discussed the pros and cons of the various modifications to this project. On March 18th, Vito Brunetti attended a walking tour on Holland Street with **City Engineer John Mucha** and the consultants to discuss the following changes:

a) one concrete sidewalk for pedestrian use will be built along the entire outer edge of the road;

b) a loading zone will be created for the M&M Plumbing business on the side of their building;

c) a cobblestone edging will be constructed along the inner edge of the road from the loading zone to the corner apartment building;

d) the reminder of the inner edge of the road will have a curb and be filled with bituminous stone;

e) the upper and the lower staircases will be partially demolished to prevent future use; and

f) the retaining wall along the outer edge of the road will have two sections replaced with salvaged stone and a concrete cap and a ornamental fence will be installed on top.

At that meeting, Mr. Mucha stated that he would contact the Building Department to notify the adjacent property owners of the pending construction. It was decided that RNA would petition the County to provide pedestrian access across Paterson Plank Road and to clear all the overgrown vegetation and debris on the western slope of the Plank Road.

The Committee met two more times on the road: on March 20th among themselves and on March 30th with John Mucha to discuss the above changes. The Committee decided to bring the issue of the retention of the two staircases to the next meeting for a vote. The position of the Committee members is that:

a) the upper staircase leading from Riverview-Fisk Park should be completely renovated with new treads and a bannister, and

b) the lower staircase leading from the road to the Plank Road should not be demolished because of its historic significance but it should be saved for a future renovation project with separate funding. At present, it should have minimal work done to it.

Stephen Carr
Planning & Development

HCNBA: The Heights Coalition of Neighborhood and Block Associations held its first meeting since last September. The attending members were most concerned about the current proposal for the construction of a four lane highway through the abandoned Bergen Arches that runs below the State Highway (Route 139) from Tonnele Circle to Hamilton Park.

The City is in favor of this project even though local neighborhood and civic groups have voiced concern about the detrimental effect that this project will have on the local communities. HCNBA agreed to invite Robert Cotter of the Planning Department to the May meeting to discuss this project from the City's prospective.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED:

1) The septic tank never backs up until a party is in full swing.
2) Cherry stains seek out and destroy white shirts.
3) You never lose the recipe of dishes you dislike.
4) No one ever breaks your hideous glassware.
5) A minister never visits a clean house.
6) It's impossible to schedule a headache.
7) No washing machine in history has ever returned a lost sock.
8) No couple ever spent a pleasant evening with a checkbook.
9) You never wear out ugly clothing.
10) New curtains only make your windows look dirtier.
11) Supermarket bags never fall apart in good weather.
12) You can always find the glove you lost but never the earring.
13) This will only take a minute is the biggest lie known to man.

Jack Rea

LOOKING FOR FISK VETERANS AND HENRY HUDSON

RNA would like to revive the annual dedication for the WWI and other veterans that took place at the Fisk war memorial located at the corner of Palisade Avenue and Bower Street. This was once a time honored yearly event that brought recognition to our local residents who

served in American wars and was an important part of our community's fabric.

In addition, RNA would also like to inaugurate a new celebration in honor of Henry Hudson, the English explorer who sailed up the mighty river that bears his name and connects New Jersey with New York City. A bust of the famous explorer stands in our Park overlooking the waterway that he once sailed on. RNA is interested in replacing the plaque that once adorned the statute's base.

Anyone interested in helping organize either event or that has any information about either memorial, please contact **Vito Brunetti** at **798-0493**. We are also asking anyone connected to the Internet to do some research on these two individuals and any organizations or societies, such as the American Legion who would be interested in co-sponsoring these events.

HISTORIC NOTEBOOK

[Editor's Note: Five years ago, on March 9, 1994, RNA dedicated Riverview-Fisk Park to Theodore E. Conrad in appreciation for his many years of community service in preserving the Park's open space for the benefit of our neighborhood. In tribute to this life-long resident's many contributions to our local community and Jersey City, RNA will periodically publish selections from his varied writings. The following article, co-authored by Colin Egan appeared in the Hudson Dispatch on November 3, 1989. The two photographs on the following page are from the Theodore Conrad Collection.]

Riverview Park, like Hamilton Park and the other observation points that dot Boulevard East, offers a spectacular view of the Manhattan skyline. Riverview Park is the only public observation point on the Palisades from which to enjoy the view.

Our old photo shows how Riverview Park looked circa 1910, just about 20 years after it was laid out. Theodore Conrad, one of the authors of this column and a lifelong resident of the Riverview neighborhood, remembers that in years past, the park was beautifully maintained with flowers and shrubs and lush lawns.

At the time that our photo was taken, sheep were corralled in the park and allowed to graze on the lawns - a bucolic touch and an effective way to keep the grass manicured.

The bandstand visible on the left was used on summer evenings and weekends. In an era before air conditioning, and before radio and television, people flocked to the park to enjoy cool breezes and the strains of music from the bandstand that drifted through the park on warm afternoons and evenings.

In early 1917, when Hoboken was a port of embarkation for a million troops on their way to France in World War I, Riverview Park was the site of block dances held to entertain the troops. Every girl in the Riverview neighborhood attended these parties, looking for a soldier to dance with.

A few months later, Riverview Park was the scene of considerably more solemn affairs - memorial celebrations to honor Gold Star Mothers and their fallen sons.

In 1962 the local and federal governments proposed to destroy the park and replace it with a housing project. The neighbors of Riverview Park rallied to save it. Conrad and his wife Ruth helped lead this fight. [T]heir effort succeeded; Riverview Park still stands on the edge of the Palisades, offering a great view of the skyline. The housing project was built elsewhere.

The wooden supports of the bandstand were replaced in 1915. The trees of the park, still young in 1910, have grown old. The ironwork fence still runs along the edge of the park. [Sometimes] there is graffiti on the side of the bandstand and the [litter] along the walkway suggest that the maintenance in recent years may not be quite what Conrad remembers from earlier times.

PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY

Members of the Public Safety Committee have compiled the following survey in order to gather statistics about what the local residents consider the most pressing problems in the neighborhood. The results of this survey will help city officials better understand how to improve our neighborhood. To that end, please take a few minutes to review and check off the specific problems you think are affecting your quality of life. Once completed, detach this form and mail to **RNA, 232 Ogden Avenue, J.C., N.J. 07307** or bring it to the next meeting. The results will then be compiled and submitted to the police and the City for evaluation.

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SURVEY OF CHRONIC PROBLEMS AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

PROBLEM — LOCATION/TIME

___ Abandoned Housing: _____

___ Alcohol Drinking: _____

___ Animal Littering: _____

___ Auto Thefts: _____

___ Building Code Violations: _____

___ Burglaries: _____

___ Dangerous Animals: _____

___ Disorderly Groups: _____

___ Gambling: _____

___ Narcotics Activity: _____

___ Noise: _____

___ Parking: _____

___ Prostitution: _____

___ Sanitation/Garbage Disposal: _____

___ Suspicious Activity: _____

___ Traffic: _____

___ Unsafe/Unhealthy Sites: _____

___ Other: _____

Bulletin board

LOOKING FOR LOCAL ENTERTAINERS: If you are can sing, play a musical instrument, dance, act or tell jokes and would like to showcase your talent: contact RNA to sign up for a talent show being organized and to be presented in Riverview-Fisk Park this summer.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

1) NID: **547-4974** (leave a message on voice mail):

a) **North-6 Mgr. Yavalier Rodriquez: Ext. 8015.** (Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Griffith St.)

b) **North-7 Mgr. Laura Petersen: Ext. 8021.** (Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Griffith to Congress Streets.)

c) **Heights Mgr. John Mateo: Ext. 8052.**

2) PSEG LIGHTING: To report a non-functioning light in the Park or on any of our streets, call **Pete Magin, PSEG street light manager at 330-6572** and leave a message with exact location of problem.

April

April showers bring May flowers.
The taxman cometh.
Spring is here.
Lilies of the Valley blossom.
Easter is here with
bunnies, chicks and decorated eggs:
Happy Easter to All!

Madeline Rea

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Creamy Turkey Meat Loaf

(from the Three Ingredient's Cook Book)

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup corn bread stuffing mix
1 cup ranch dressing
2 pounds ground turkey

1) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Pulverize the stuffing mix with a rolling pin or in a blender or food processor. In a large bowl, mix the stuffing crumbs with the ranch dressing and 1/2 cup of cold water. Set aside for 10 minutes.
2) Add the ground turkey to the stuffing mixture and combine thoroughly with your hands. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Form into a rough loaf on a rimmed sheet pan, in a 6-cup casserole, or in a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.
3) Bake the turkey meat loaf for one (1) hour. Serves 6 people.

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force** (NTF) **Police Officers** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity through the North District's Community Service voice mail at **547-5719** or through the front desk at **547-5350**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911**.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit** at **547-5391**. All calls will be strictly confidential.

RECYCLE YOUR GARBAGE AND DISPOSABLES - IT'S THE LAW!

Here is the official list of recyclable materials that are collected in Jersey City:

PAPER: NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, SCHOOL PAPER, OFFICE PAPER, COMPUTER PAPER, TELEPHONE BOOKS, ALL CARDBOARD BOXES & CORRUGATED BOXES, CEREAL BOXES, PASTA BOXES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOXES
PLASTICS: MILK CARTONS, DRINK BOXES, PLASTIC MILK CONTAINERS, FOOD CONTAINERS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANER CONTAINERS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLES, SHAMPOO BOTTLES
GLASS: SODA BOTTLES, BEER BOTTLES, FOOD JARS, LIQUOR BOTTLES
CANS: ALUMINUM, TIN, STEEL (NO CHEMICAL OR PAINT CANS).

Our neighborhood pick-up day is WEDNESDAY. For more information, call **432-4645.**

"TRUTH IN RENTING": To obtain a FREE copy of this guide to the rights and responsibilities of residential tenants and landlords, contact Constituent Services at 547-4900.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Tell us what you think about what you just read in this newsletter? Are you satisfied with the quality of life on your block? Send articles, comments or recipes to 232 Ogden Ave. The deadline is **Friday, April 23rd.**

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RNA MEETING: Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

1) GUEST SPEAKER:
   * Carmine Venezia, Director of Parking Authority
2) POLICE NTF REPORT
3) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
   * 15th Annual RNA PARK FAIR & Flea Market
   * SUMMER Activities
   * Reopening of the Community garden

Saturday, May 1st:
a) SPRING CLEAN-UP: 8:00 AM : in both local Parks
(see article on page one for more info)
b) Dumpster Weekend: Griffith and Hobson Streets
c) Bicycle "AIR SHOW" 12:00 Noon: Riverview-Fisk Park
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